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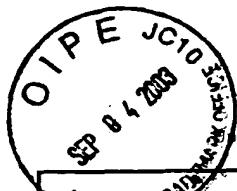
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Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed _____
- Other _____

b. Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other Fee Transmittal Sheet

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed

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- Other _____

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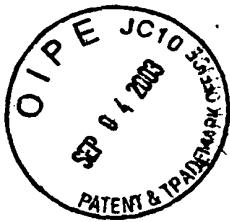
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the final Office Action, mailed June 11, 2003, in connection with the above-captioned application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow is respectfully requested. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper;

An **Exhibit 1** including a certified copy of a translation of each priority application;

An **Exhibit 2** including a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney submitted May 4, 2000;

An **Exhibit 3** including a copy of a Request for Correction of Filing Receipt submitted December 9, 2002 (including a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney originally submitted May 4, 2000, at Exhibit B).

Also enclosed herewith are:

- 1) Fee Transmittal Sheet
- 2) Information Disclosure Statement
- 3) Request for Continued Examination